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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (YEAR A) - 25 JUNE 2023

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



Food for thought.....Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God.

There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.



Peter's Pence Annual Collection

Peter's Pence Collection provides the Holy Father with the financial means to respond to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease. Your support goes directly to supporting Pope Francis and his charitable works.

SATURDAY 24 & SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

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catholicdevfund](http://bpoin.com.au/payments/catholicdevfund)



POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE:

For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston, **Sung Mass on Sunday 16th July, 9.30am.** Celebrant and Homilist: Archbishop Julian Porteous. Enrolment in the Brown Scapular will take place during Mass. A Novena of Masses and Prayers July 7th – 15th.

Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta via post or tascarmelvoc@gmail.com Morning Tea after Mass All are welcome

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Arthur Hawken** (James and Amy, Oluebube Janelle Osita (Geoffrey and Vivian), **Mikah and Violet Jankowiak** (Marcin and Katie) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Mary of the Holy Ghost OCD, Deacon Vinco Muriyaden, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Terry Yard, Alana Oehm, Kathy Aldred, Tina La Palombara, Greg Hopwood, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Rod Badcock, Maria Holton, Myra Conway, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Danielle Evans, Louisa Buttazzoni, Lalla Smethurst, Sally Griffin (Smethurst), Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Bev Callahan, Elizabeth Howell, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Kristel Latham, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean and Peter Marshall..

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Anna Lamonaca, Fay Lewandowski and Tony Long who have died recently, Allan McCarthy, Robert DeBruyne, Carola Katarzynski, Elizabeth Walsh, Terrence Coyle, Don Phillips, Margaret Collins, Donald Bonham, Giuseppe Bolzonello, Eulie Harmon, the victims of the bus tragedy in Hunter Valley and for those supporting the communities, we remember all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time and for the Holy souls in Purgatory.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

ONE HOUR WITH JESUS *Next Sunday, 2nd July at the Carmelite Monastery.* You are welcome to join the Carmelite nuns in spending some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament: 2.00pm Office of None (afternoon prayer of the Church); 2.15 - 3.00pm Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; 3.00pm Benediction

MONDAY NIGHT ROSARY is being held each Monday night in Church of the Apostles at 7.30pm. Come along and offer your thanks to "Our Blessed Mother Mary" for the Blessings she bestows on us each day. **All Welcome.**

MORNING MEDITATION at the **Emmanuel Centre Tuesdays at 11am.** Newcomers are welcome. Enquiries: ph: 6334 1082

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles.

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

St Vincent de Paul Leaving Collection at all Masses next weekend.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Call for volunteers to become catechists for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for 3-6 year old children: Catechist formation for scriptural and liturgical formation of children based on Montessori educational principles.

Where: Kingston Parish. **When:** July 12-14th for Level 1, Part 1, and July 9-11th for Level 1 Part 2. Beginners can register only for Level 1, Part 1. Volunteers are required at Kingston, Launceston, and Hobart, so if you live nearby and are interested please register. **Information:** <https://youtu.be/RJZyqsiEjwU> **Register:** Christine Wood 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohas.org.au **Information flyers are in the Church**

A VOCATION VIEW

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.



PARISH GROCERY DRIVE FOR St Vincent de Paul Society

Last week for donations of Food items such as pasta, rice, sugar, coffee, tinned food, cereal etc

Please drop off donations to the Parish Office by Friday 30th June

Thank you for your support

An Introduction to Ignatian Discernment

A reflection day to attune our hearts to Love's song of peace, joy, faith, hope and love.

- ♦ Making decisions in freedom and with integrity
- ♦ Discovering a sense of identity, vocation and mission
- ♦ Listening for the whispers of God and the movement of the Spirit
- ♦ Opening to the grace of life-giving 'more'

Saturday 22nd July 2023, 10am – 3pm
Emmanuel Centre, Newstead

Cost: \$40 BYO Lunch (morning tea included)

Facilitated by Belinda Chapman

Bookings by 17th July—belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

Ph: 0418 141 171

Bank details for direct debit donations to support the financial needs of your Parish:

Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"



MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 9am

On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston

if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
9.00am	St Finn Barr's	Invermay
9.00am	St Patrick's Chapel	Prospect
10.30am	Apostles	
5.30pm	Apostles (April—September)	

WEEKDAY MASSES 26th June—1st July

7.30am Monday to Saturday at Carmel

Tuesday:	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday:	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	12noon	Invermay
Friday:	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	7.30am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	9.30am -10.30am	Apostles
	5.15pm –5.45pm	Newstead

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

DINING WITH FRIENDS

An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society
together with the Launceston Parish.



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make
new friends, or would just enjoy a FREE
home cooked meal prepared by and shared
with people who care, please come along to
Dining with Friends.

Next gathering: Tuesday, 4th July at 6.00pm in the
Pastoral Centre. Bookings are essential for
catering Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 26th:	Matthew 7:1-5
Tuesday 27th:	Matthew 7:6,12-14
Wednesday 28th:	Matthew 7:15-20
Thursday 29th:	Matthew 16:13-19
Friday 30th:	Matthew 8:1-4
Saturday 1st:	Matthew 8:5-17

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16
Psalm 88:2-3,16-19
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

Children's Corner



What are some things that people are afraid of?



How does God help us to overcome our fears?

A Spiritual Retreat in Launceston with Sonja Corbitt from the USA @ July 15-16th

Come along, rest, discover and find healing on this internationally acclaimed retreat opportunity with Sonja Corbitt from the USA. Also known as 'The Bible Evangelista'. No matter how well you know the Bible — a little or a lot — **this retreat** will help you read it with new eyes and connect deeper with God, and His plan for you! Over two days discover in depth what Holy Scripture has to offer YOU, in your own personal journey of life. Come to hear God speak, and feel His touch like never before on this powerful and life changing retreat.

Saturday 15th July (5:30pm) - Sunday 16th July (3:30pm) 2 day live in retreat at The Emmanuel Centre, Newstead Cost: \$180 per person including all meals, talks & accommodation (*Other attendance package options - \$80 2 day talk attendance + including meals, excluding accommodation or \$30 per person for 2 day talk attendance + bring your own meals, excluding accommodation) For further information & registration, please phone The Emmanuel Centre: 03 6334 1082, 0458 003 642 or email: emmanuelcentre@aohtas.org.au To avoid missing out, Please register by July 12th

'God is waiting for you to turn your gaze towards him' Sonja Corbitt, International Speaker

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